

## Area Hospitals To Seek Higher GHI Payments

Garfield President  
Announces Move  
Is Being Considered

By Edmund G. Monk  
Washington area hospitals will attempt to obtain a higher rate of payment from Group Hospitalization, Inc., it was learned today.

William R. Castle, president of Garfield Hospital and head of the newly formed National Capital Area Hospital Council, said in Hot Springs, Va., today the move is not "immediately imminent," but indicated it is being considered.

A committee selected from trustees of Group Hospitalization is studying the possible revision of contracts with member hospitals in this area, Joseph H. Himes, head of GHI, has stated. However, Mr. Himes said the principal objective of the committee is to work out a plan by which GHI beneficiaries might obtain more hospitalization benefits.

Mr. Castle said that GHI groups in other cities pay hospitals a higher rate than is paid hospitals in the Washington area. He said costs of operating hospitals are just as high, if not higher, in the District and vicinity, as in other locations.

Administrators Hope for Move.  
Dr. Francis J. Eisenman, administrator at Garfield Hospital, said he hoped for a movement among Washington area hospitals to obtain a higher rate of payment from GHI.

"Group hospitalization is a fine organization," he added, "and we don't want to be viewed as criticizing its general objectives, which are highly praiseworthy. We very much want to keep it going, and on a basis that will provide the best service to its members."

Dr. Eisenman said Garfield Hospital is operating on a losing basis now because of GHI membership. He said the hospital gets about \$7 per patient per day, while it costs the hospital \$9.67 a day.

The Garfield administrator said that the last adjustments were made between the hospital and GHI in 1944. At that time 50 cents a day more was included for care of babies, bringing up the charge in that category to \$1.50.

Increased Costs Cited.  
"A lot of things have happened since," continued Dr. Eisenman, pointing to rises in nurses' salaries and other increases in operating costs.

Since 1941 Garfield has sustained mounting losses through membership in GHI, Dr. Eisenman said. A paper loss of \$6,000 was suffered in 1941 and mounted to \$45,000 in 1945, he said. In the current year he expects it to aggregate \$70,000.

Several hospitals were revealed in Sunday's Star to have raised rates for private patients, and others were reported considering similar action. Raises in nurses' salaries, made imperative by shortages of nurses and soaring living costs, are the chief reasons given for the recent raises in charges for hospital care.

## FBI Action in Theft Of Plane Undecided

The Federal Bureau of Investigation said today it had not decided what action it would take regarding two youths accused of attempting to take an airplane Sunday from the National Airport.

Both boys, Jack Swartzfater, 19, of Montgomery, Ala., and his 16-year-old companion, whom the FBI would not name, were arrested yesterday in Baltimore. The 16-year-old boy who was piloting the twin-engine plane despite the fact he had had only two flying lessons, called his father by telephone after the plane crashed on an unsuccessful take-off and explained what he had done.

Harry M. Kimball, special agent for the FBI in Richmond, said both boys have been charged with larceny on a Government reservation and may be brought to Richmond for the October term of Federal Court. Spokesmen in Washington, however, said they were not sure of that procedure and the younger boy might be tried by a juvenile court.

The two had taken a plane, owned by a Maj. J. A. Bietor of Turner Field, which had been leased to W. W. Brinkerhoff, operator of a flying service here. They had filed a flight plan for Baltimore and then cracked up during the take-off when the tail wheel locked.

The boys told the FBI they were trying to fly to Miami for a vacation.

Truman Signs Navy Fund Bill  
President Truman yesterday signed a bill providing \$419,650,000 for the Navy for the fiscal year that started July 1. The total is \$19,000,000 below the Navy's top allotment in the war years.

## Court Modifies Will to Allow Quiet Area for Spinsters' Home

A home for District spinsters which was thoughtfully authorized in a will filed nearly 20 years ago was one step nearer reality today, following a District Court decision which seeks to remove "a constant threat to their health, safety and comfort"—specifically, the noise of passing traffic.

Benefactor of the future elderly residents is Justice F. Dickinson Letts. Late yesterday he signed an order authorizing the American Security & Trust Co. to dispose of property now deemed unsuitable for the retreat because of outside noises and to buy new property in quieter surroundings.

The action involved the will of Mrs. Annie R. Shoemaker, who died in 1927. She lived in a room above a store she owned at Tenth street and New York avenue N.W. A total of 138 heirs, constituting one of the longest lists ever filed in the District Probate Court, was named in connection with the estate, then valued at \$400,000. These heirs were to share the estate in the event the provision for a spinsters' home was not carried out.

Her will set up a charitable trust with the entire sum earmarked for the home. It was to provide quarters for 25 spinsters over 60 and was to be erected within 21 years after her death on a road bounded by Chesapeake and Brandwine streets N.W. and River road and Wisconsin avenue at Forty-second street.

Under terms of a specific section of the will, spinster friends of Mrs. Shoemaker or spinsters among the heirs would be especially eligible for admission to the sanctuary.

Construction of the home has been held up because not enough money was available for the purchase at the time the will was filed for probate, an official of the trust company said. Now, with the estate worth \$707,956.79 in real estate, bonds, stocks, jewelry, cash and notes, he expressed the opinion the retreat can be built.



TEEN-AGE TAVERN—It was opening night last night at Club Teen, 614 E street N.W., YWCA-sponsored rendezvous for high school age youngsters. Jean Honemann, 18, of 3644 Park place N.W. and Robert Hanrahan, 17, 4718 Ninth street N.W., are shown slipping an iced soft drink, while Ray E. Wird, jr., 2123 Observatory place N.W., and Jean Aiken, 16, 4716 Eighth street N.W., enjoy the dancing privileges. —Star Staff Photo.

## Big Temple Heights Project Is Advanced By Zoning Approval

The multi-million-dollar development of the Temple Heights tract at Connecticut and Florida avenues is a step nearer actuality today with approval by the Zoning Commission yesterday of reclassification of a portion of the area from residential to first commercial.

This would permit the erection of a large office building, containing a theater, stores and a garage, which Charles H. Tompkins and Morris Cadriz, owners of the property, told the commission they plan to build.

The part of the tract affected is the so-called "commercial triangle" comprising about one-fourth of the entire property and lying at its southwest extremity.

Hotel Is Planned.  
Plans for the tract call for building a hotel on the upper part of Temple Heights and an apartment building on the northwest corner of Nineteenth street and Florida avenue which, with the construction of the office building and necessary streets and other facilities will cost approximately \$2,000,000.

Included in the Temple Heights project is the construction of a 100-foot street connecting Leroy place and T street which the owners will have to dedicate. They also must bear the expense of retaining walls beside the roadway which will be made necessary by the fact that an adjoining roadway will be at a different level.

The commission said, too, that the project will necessitate the city's widening the adjacent block of Florida avenue and rounding off the sharply pointed extremity of the "commercial triangle" at Florida and Connecticut avenues.

The entire tract was acquired last winter from the District Masonic Lodge in a \$1,000,000 transaction.

Reynolds Plea Turned Down.  
The commission yesterday also turned down the proposal of former Senator Robert Reynolds of North Carolina to rezone from residential to commercial properties he owns across from the Senate Office Building on First street. However, the commission told Mr. Reynolds in the hall it would consider allowing the rezoning if certain adjustments of office and institutional buildings in residential areas when such structures are adjacent to Government buildings in general.

The Reynolds property includes three lots and a square in the rear of 215 to 217 First street N.E. and all lots zoned residential abutting the east side of First street between B and D streets N.E.

Under the plan, given application for rezoning from residential to residential known as Grasslands, north-east of the United States Naval Reservation at Nebraska and Massachusetts avenues N.W. The site will accommodate an apartment building, the owners said.

Retiring School Official  
Plans Vacation Trip  
Dr. Chester W. Holmes, retiring District assistant superintendent in charge of senior high schools, will leave here July 19 for a new Hampshire vacation before reporting to his new job as superintendent of schools in Malden, Mass., on August 1, he said today.

A native of Massachusetts, Dr. Holmes came to the District as principal of Langley Junior High School in 1932. He later became principal of Anacostia High School, was assistant superintendent of junior high schools and assumed his present position in 1939.

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## West to Explore Dr. C. Tax Aid for Hospital Center

Issue of Funds to  
Help Build Project  
Raised in Committee

Corporation counsel Vernon West has been asked by the House District Committee to explore the possibility of raising some taxes to help finance the proposed hospital center authorized by the Senate-passed Tydings bill.

The request resulted after consideration yesterday by the committee of the financial phases of the measure, Chairman McMillan explained. As it passed the Senate, the bill provides for Federal aid to construct a 1,500-bed hospital in which would be incorporated at least three, perhaps more, District institutions for the sick. Those already committed to the center are Emergency, Garfield and Episcopal Hospitals.

The bill probably will come before the committee again at a meeting tentatively scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday.

D. C. Heads Oppose Funds.  
The District Commissioners have taken the position that no tax funds from the municipality should be used to help build the center. It is understood they feel that the Federal government makes a substantial contribution to the sick here through support of Gallinger Hospital, and by contributing heavily to St. Elizabeth's Hospital for care of patients there. Also, the loss of 25 to 30 acres of taxable land to the tax-free hospital center would be considered another substantial contribution on the part of the city, it is felt.

Financial provisions of the pending measure have been under discussion for many months. Under both the House and the Senate bills, the hospitals and backers of the Tydings bill, it was understood the hospitals had pledged their entire physical assets toward the expense of the center, hoping that the Federal Government would provide the remainder of the cost, estimated somewhere around \$200,000.

Issue Raised in Committee.  
Representative Dirksen, Republican, of Illinois, who long has expressed the conviction the District government should share a part of the cost of such a center, raised the issue again at the executive session of the committee. He said he believed the committee that the bill might have difficulty getting House approval without some contribution of tax funds from the District.

The Tydings bill has been approved by Maj. Gen. Philip B. Marston, administrator of the Federal Works Agency. In a letter to the House District Committee he expressed the belief that on account of the "unique position" of the National Capital, the city "requires special treatment as to hospitals."

The FWA has advanced funds toward the construction of the new George Washington University and Georgetown University Hospitals. These funds came under authority of the Lanham Act, for providing needed community facilities throughout the country.

Mr. West is chairman of a special committee of the District government charged with studying the structure with a view to raising additional taxes for postwar needs. Among the possible revenue sources understood to have been considered by the District Committee was a sales tax.

Other bills which may come up before the committee Friday include one to prevent erection of television towers in the vicinity of Fortieth and Brandwine streets N.W. and another to take away from the YMCA a segment of southeastern Washington and give it to a special board of directors.

The committee meeting was made tentatively for Friday, with prospects it might be held Monday instead.

Veterans' Adviser Chosen  
Jerome W. Kloucek has been appointed veterans' instructor and private secretary to the Montgomery County Junior College. It was announced today. He served in the Army Engineers during the war and is a graduate of the University of Chicago.

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Would Be Opening Wedge.  
Mr. Maudlin said the citizens "are somewhat worried," because under the present status "the apartment house could be constructed." He explained this would be an opening wedge to building of additional apartments in the vicinity.

The District Commissioners have opposed legislation designed to bar the apartment house. Their position was that the city should not be used to help build the center.

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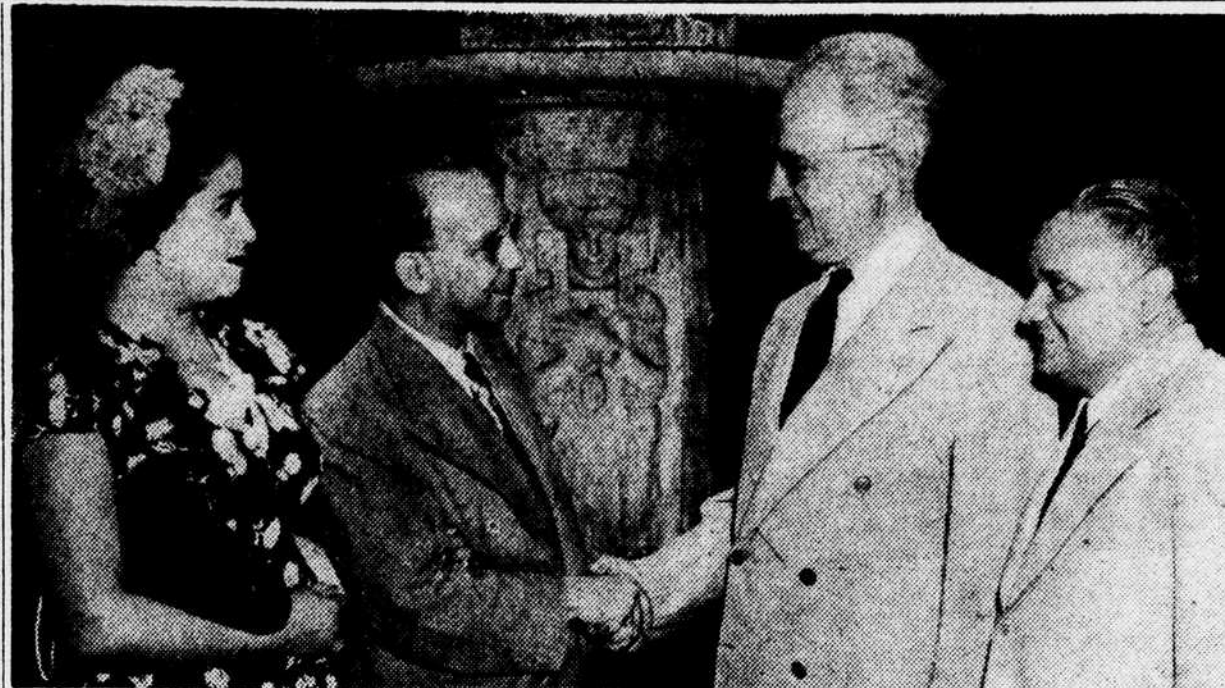
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MEXICAN GUEST CONDUCTOR ARRIVES—Jose Vasquez, director of the University of Mexico Symphony Orchestra, is greeted at the Pan American Union. He will direct the National Symphony Orchestra at the Water Gate concert tomorrow and Friday. Left to right are Mrs. Vasquez, Dr. Pedro de Alba, assistant director general of the Pan American Union, and Daniel Ayala, conductor of the symphony orchestra of Merida, Mexico. —Star Staff Photo.

## Barnaby Woods Bus Battle Reopens at PUC Session Today

Barnaby Woods residents were out in force again today for the second round of their "battle of the buses."

The first round was staged during a Public Utilities Commission hearing yesterday at the District Building. It was a stalemate, and James H. Flanagan, PUC chairman, called back the feuding suburbanites at 10 o'clock this morning in an effort to reach a decision.

Made obvious by yesterday's long and acrimonious session was the fact that having bus service close at hand is a fine thing provided the buses don't run by your door. That is the essence of the Northwest citizens' dispute.

It all started when the Chevy Chase Citizens' Association, in an attempt to get a new bus line, petitioned the PUC for an extension of the existing loop service between Tenley and Pinehurst circles, only existing 5-cent fare route in the District.

Routing Starts Fight.  
Everybody seemed happy until the Barnaby Woods and adjacent Chevy Chase residents learned that the Capital Transit Co. proposed to route the buses and that it was asking that the nickel fare be dropped in favor of the standard rate.

Then the feuding began. Those citizens with homes along the proposed line also said they didn't want the buses to come out there, provided they run on the other fellow's street!

Munter Joins Protest.  
This drew heated protests from the Capital Transit Co., outlined the proposed routes, which would be substituted for the existing M-4 route serving the region between Nebraska and Western avenues and Connecticut avenue and Aberfoyle street. He emphasized the company sought only "to do what the citizens want" as far as the routes were concerned, but pointed out that rising operating costs warranted raising the five-cent fare.

Paul Russell, 3141 Aberfoyle street N.W., managed to say a few good words for the proposed routes. Explaining that he has an invalid wife, he pointed out he found his family's movements sharply curtailed by having a bus line no nearer than seven-tenths of a mile.

The new service would make it a lot easier for us to get around to the shopping districts," Mr. Russell said. He also felt his family would enjoy more frequent visits from friends "if they didn't have to walk so far to see us."

Virginia Officer Convicted  
In Currency Juggling  
YOKOHAMA, July 9.—Lt. William E. Wang, Richmond, Va., today faced dismissal from service, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and eight months in prison at hard labor. He was convicted yesterday of misappropriation of more than \$50,000 in government funds in a currency-juggling transaction.

Wing, former finance officer for headquarters 7th Air Service Group, was the third of three officers convicted in the same case by an 8th Army general court.

Others were Lt. Robert L. Johns, Cleveland, and Flight Officer Raymond F. Befanger, Boston.

They were charged with having sold American dollars and Philippine pesos to a wealthy Japanese at a 38-to-1 rate. Wang's books were balanced in yen at the official 15-to-1 rate, and the three pocketed the difference, it was testified.

## Ayala to Give 'Maya' Premiere At Water Gate Concert Friday

Daniel Ayala is probably the only musician who can read Mayan hieroglyphics and undoubtedly the only man who can translate them into music.

His "El Hombre Maya," ("The Mayan Man") will have its premiere performance in this country at the Water Gate concert of the National Symphony Orchestra Friday night. The Mexican composer, whose music is based on the Mayan legend of the world's creation, contends the Mayans were as advanced in their music as they were in their architecture.

This is Mexico's week at the Water Gate. Mr. Ayala came to Washington with Jose Vasquez, director of the symphony orchestra of the National University of Mexico, who will conduct the concerts both tomorrow and Friday nights.

Tomorrow night will be not only Ayala's first concert appearance in the United States, but the first performance here of his "Acuerdas de Viaje," travel sketches. This piece represents his impression of Guatemala.

From New Orleans by Bus.  
When he returns to Mexico, Mr. Vasquez intends to spend some time giving his impression of the United States. So that Mr. Vasquez could get a good view of the country, the two men came all the way from New Orleans by bus. What is more, they will serve as guest conductor in each place the week before. The Mexican conductors accompanied by his wife, Senora Gloria Vasquez.

After conducting here, Mr. Vasquez will go to Guatemala and the Dominican Republic. He will just miss his friend, Mr. Kindler, who will serve as guest conductor in each place the week before. The Mexican conductors accompanied by his wife, Senora Gloria Vasquez.

Civil Service Releases  
48,101 Square Feet of  
Office Space in D. C.  
The United States Civil Service Commission released 48,101 square feet of leased office space in Washington by the end of the fiscal year in disposing of obsolete records, cutting personnel and rearranging offices, the Public Buildings Administration said today.

W. E. Reynolds, public buildings administrator, told The Star that the Civil Service Commission has been one of the few Government agencies which have complied quickly with recent White House and PBA directives that all Government agencies should slash office space occupied by noncurrent and duplicate records and set up record controls so that a maximum of private office space may be returned to its owners.

Mr. Reynolds recently announced that the Federal Communications Commission, Maritime Commission, War Shipping Administration and Government Accounting Office are high scorers in space saving and have given support to his efforts to cut rented space.

Land Office Cuts Space.  
Today he added still another agency to the list—the General Land Office of the Interior Department, which has salvaged 1,700 square feet of office space by rearranging the filing of photo-lithographic copies of township plats.

Space given up by Civil Service agencies is of space-saving at least on three fronts as follows, Mr. Reynolds said:

The Washington Loan & Trust Building, 3,219 square feet; the Capital Garage, 3,364 square feet; 801 E street N.W., 30,424 square feet; 808 E street N.W., 8,719 square feet; and second floors of the Victor Building, 12,324 square feet.

Clears File Storage.  
The Commission has emptied 859 letter size drawers of obsolete applications, examination papers and classification forms, has removed 1,500,000 obsolete record cards from file trays and cleared 2,000 file drawers.

In other parts of the country, he said, Civil Service has cleared a total of 15,506 file drawers of useless material.

In recent space directives, Mr. Reynolds has estimated that Government agencies could get along with about half the amount of existing file material, destroying some and turning the rest over to the National Archives for sorting and preservation if important historically.

SEC Wins Suit Involving  
Tin Firm and D. C. Resident  
NORFOLK, Va., July 9.—The Securities and Exchange Commission won its suit against the Western Tin Mining Corp. and Marion Allen, of 602 Fifth street N.W., Washington, yesterday when final judgment was entered in United States District Court enjoining the defendants from further violation of the Federal Securities Act.

Judge C. C. Wyche, who conducted the hearing in chambers, said the defendants had consented to entry of final judgment and had filed answers admitting "in substance" the charge brought by the SEC.

Specifically, the SEC charged the defendants had not registered Tin Mining Securities with the SEC and had used the mails or other instruments of Interstate Commerce in selling and delivering securities through untrue statements to buyers and prospective buyers of stock.

## Lower Status Seen in Plan for St. Elizabeth's

Approval Expected  
On Proposal for  
Non-Military Use

The expected enactment of President Truman's reorganization plans is likely to change the character of St. Elizabeth's Hospital from one of the Nation's outstanding mental institutions to "just another ordinary curial asylum," in the opinion of hospital officials.

The reorganization proposal affecting St. Elizabeth's would remove from the institution's care in the future all mentally ill persons from the armed forces. As the plan is interpreted by hospital officials, armed forces patients now at St. Elizabeth's would remain there, but no new Army or Navy patients would be brought there in the future.

About 1,400 of the hospital's 6,500 patients are military personnel or veterans. The hospital was established in 1855 to care for military mental patients, but at present most of the patients are District civilian residents.

Increased Rate Possible.  
District financial officials foresee little change in the relationship between the municipality and the institution, under the proposed reorganization, beyond the possibility of an increased rate.

The city now pays an annual bill of some \$400,000 for the board and care of District patients committed to the hospital.

District Budget Officer Walter L. Fowler predicted that if the admissions are restricted to District cases either an increased rate might be expected or the hospital would have to curtail its personnel and plant to bring it in line with intake expectancy.

He pointed out that the plan now is operated on the expectancies from both military and District civilian sources.

Fear Blow to Research.  
St. Elizabeth's officials are fearful the psychiatric research and development contributed by the Army and Navy, which led officers of the American Psychiatric Association to call the institution "a unique teaching hospital," will be withdrawn to the hospital's detriment. It was for this reason that the House Committee on the District of Columbia proposal, The House followed its recommendations.

However, the Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday approved all three of President Truman's proposals and the plans are expected to become law by next Tuesday. Under the Reorganization Act of 1945, a presidential plan can be killed only by rejection of the proposal by both the House and Senate.

One bright spot in the picture was contributed today by Watson Miller, Federal Security administrator, who pledged that his agency will do everything it can to maintain St. Elizabeth's high standards. The agency has asked Congress for \$75,000 to conduct a study of improvements for the institution, and officials are optimistic that the appropriation will be granted.

Abolishes Visitor Board.  
St. Elizabeth's officials are also concerned lest the Red Cross, which at present conducts recreational activities at the institution, will halt its activities there when armed forces patients are no longer sent to the hospital.

Another feature of President Truman's plan abolishes the hospital's board of visitors. Hospital officials say this will completely divorce the institution from the community it serves. Dr. Winifred Overholser, superintendent of the hospital, has praised the board as having been extremely helpful in aiding the hospital in some of its policies.

One of the reasons given by President Truman for refraining from sending military personnel to the hospital in the future was that St. Elizabeth's is overcrowded. Hospital officials say this is not necessarily the case, and that if 100 more attendants were hired, 300 empty beds at the hospital could be used and an additional 700 beds could be installed.

House May Call Up  
New Slum Bill Today  
Chairman McMillan of the House District Committee hopes to call up in the House today the slum redevelopment bill approved yesterday by the committee.

The measure is more restricted in the amount of "public housing" authorized over the next 10 years than is the Senate version.

Representative Randolph, Democrat, of West Virginia whose move to the House committee moved the Senate decision on the bill, was defeated, voted with the rest of the committee in sending the bill to the floor. While he favored the Senate version, he declined to indicate early today whether he would participate in debate.

There were hopes in quarters favoring the bill that the House would send it quickly to conference for adjustment of differences between the two versions.

The House bill provides for a \$200,000 slum redevelopment program over 10-year period, restricts public housing beneficiaries to those District residents in the lower 20 per cent income brackets of the District of Columbia. District Commissioners would review this feature before the bill is passed.

The Senate bill provides that public housing shall be built for those people who in the judgment of the District Commissioners are not "reasonably able" to afford housing built by private enterprise.

96% Of Taxes Collected  
By Arlington County  
Arlington County tax collections amounted to 96 per cent of a total levy of \$2,489,912.94, it was reported today by John Locke Green, county treasurer.

Mr. Green said \$2,323,291.21 has been collected through June 30 this year. This is an increase of 31 per cent over collections last year, he said.

Union Station's 110-Foot Poles  
Are Painted; Eagles Must Wait  
Washington paint painters today were giving the three 110-foot flagpoles in front of the Union Station a face lifting, but were unable to rig the eagles which top the masts because of a shortage of gold leaf.

The three poles—a maintenance problem because they attract soot from Union Station trains—were washed last fall by a steam cleaner to relieve the Office of National Capital Parks of arduous periodic repainting jobs.

But, park maintenance officials said, the steam cleaner took off about as much paint as it did soot, and the eagles will get only a bath for the time being.